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1. A method of managing a switch, comprising:
installing the switch having a plurality of processor elements;
installing an operating system on each processor element;
creating a system virtual router;
configuring the processor elements from the system virtual router.
2. An article comprising a computer readable medium having instructions thereon, wherein the instructions, when executed in a computer, create a system for executing the method of claim 1.
3. A switch management system, comprising:
an object manager; and
a distributed management layer, wherein the object manager communicates with objects through the distributed management layer.

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